Peabody Museum Honors Dr. Tello, Inca Authority

Appointed Honorary Curator by Harvard Officials

Special to the Herald Tribune

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 11.—Dr. Julio C. Tello, internationally known South American archeologist, has been appointed honorary curator of Andean Archeology at Harvard University's Peabody Museum, university officials announced tonight. The appointment is to take effect immediately and was made for a one-year period.

Dr. Tello is now curator of the Inca Museum of Archeology, at the University of San Marco, Peru, and is recognized as one of the greatest authorities in the world today on the Inca civilization.

Other appointments announced tonight were those of Dr. John W. Thompson, of the Royal Hospital, Edinburgh, Scotland, as assistant in the Harvard Fatique Laboratory; Clarence R. Carpenter, of Columbia University, as Research Associate in Archeology at the Peabody Museum; Solomon L. Rosenburg, of McGill University, as Research Fellow in Chemistry, and Henry Seton, of Cambridge, as Associate in Vertebrate Paleontology at the Museum of Comparative Zoology. All appointments take effect immediately and were made for a one-year term.

feature of the federal social security act becomes effective January 1, 1937 while unemployment benefits under the state unemployment law do not begin until after January 1, 1938.

"It is to the benefit of the employee that he obtain his social security account number promptly," their statement said. "Under the state unemployment act, work and wage records must be kept under the assigned social security account number. Under the old-age benefit feature of the act employees are required to report their account numbers to employers beginning January 1, 1937."

There are but four days left until midnight Tuesday to employees for filing their applications for social security account numbers, and any employee who has not received one of the SS-5 application forms is urged by the commissioner and Mrs. Rosenberg to obtain one from his employer or the nearest postoffice and, after filling it out, to mail it to the local postmaster.

Commissioner Andrews said the state resolved to use the social security account numbers also in order to avoid duplication of expense as well as to avoid confusion and annoyance to the individuals involved.

In connection with the old-age benefits of the social security act Mrs. Rosenberg explained: "It has been brought to my attention that a number of workers feel that participation in the old-age benefit program is dependent wholly upon their desires. The act provides that on January 1, 1937, all employees under sixty-five years of age who earn wages in employment not exempted by the

The human voice can be transmitted by rays of light as well as by wires. The sun's diameter is more than twice the distance between the earth and the moon. In early times the Chinese and the Japanese kept time by burning knotted ropes. Certain plants can thrive for long periods in tightly sealed jars without water or air.

Of the thirty-nine first prizes f
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part second-class Handel, thin and tedious in most measures, dull and conventional enough to bore any audience before the curtain rose—this notwithstanding the fact that the music was well played. Nor is the organ concerto that ended the evening particularly distinguished music. Certainly it is so far below the Fourth "Brandenburg" of Bach there is no comparison, despite

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DR. GORDON, NOTED SCIENTIST, KILLED

Philadelphia, Jan. 31 (AP)—Dr. George Byron Gordon, director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum and an archaelogist and anthropologist of world-wide renown, is dead. Apparently stricken with paralysis while ascending the stairway at the Racquet Club, where he had attended a dinner Saturday night, he fell backward down the steps, fracturing his skull on the marble landing. He died without regaining consciousness.

Dr. Gordon was 56 years old and unmarried. He was head of the Harvard expedition to Central America for six years. He joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania as assistant curator of anthropology in 1903, serving later as curator and assistant professor of anthropology. He had written extensively an archaeological and anthropological subjects.

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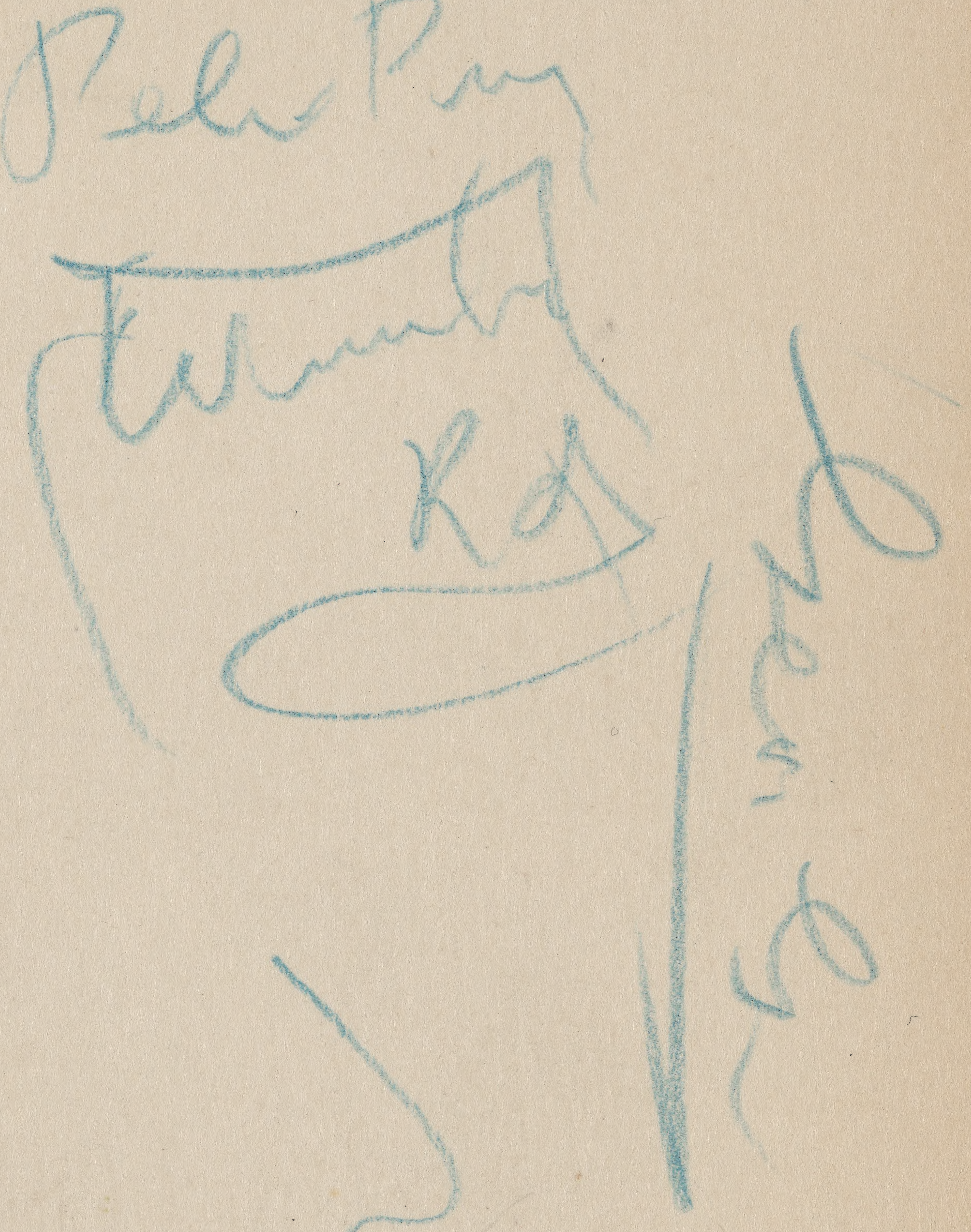

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BY

JEAN LEVILLIER, F.R.A.I.

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For many years the town of Pisco, about a hundred and fifty miles south of Lima, had been the centre for the distribution of innumerable examples of pottery, textiles, vessels and ornaments of gold, the records of an ancient civilization in Peru earlier than that of the Incas. The great part of this treasure trove was looted from the pre-historic cemeteries in the Peninsula of Paracas close to Pisco.

During recent years this indiscriminate digging has been forbidden, and excavations are now made in a careful and scientific manner under supervision of the Government. Not the least interesting of the discoveries made is that of examples of remarkable textiles strongly reminiscent of those of ancient Egypt, Persia, China and India, and the earliest known of American manufacture, the decoration and colouring of which point to an advanced state of civilization, which, however, did not seem to have possessed any form of writing.

The work of Mme. Jean Levillier gives an account of these textiles, with numerous reproductions of special examples. The soil and climate of Paracas have been singularly favourable to their preservation. The former is impregnated with saltpetre, which has acted as a preservative, and the latter is almost entirely free from moisture.

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Sehr verehrter Herr Professor!

Vielen Dank für Ihre freundlichen Zeilen und die mir wertvollen Literaturhinweise. Ich war bis zum Jahre 1928 in der Redaktion des „Anthropos" tätig, damals wurde ich in unser rheinisches Haus versetzt, weil dort ein Physiklehrer fehlte. Jetzt arbeite ich seit Anfang dieses Jahres wieder hier beim „Anthropos". Zur Zeit, als ich zum Rhein übersiedelte, hatte ich gerade eine Notiz fertig über Ihren ersten Aufsatz. Sie war schon gesetzt und sollte gedruckt werden, da glaubte P. Koppers, ich solle warten, bis einer Ihrer später zu beschreibenden Quipus bekannt würde.

Nun will ich aber doch die alte Holtz in ihrer ersten Form drucken lassen, ein Abdruck liegt hier bei.

Professor E. Nordenskiöld machte mich darauf aufmerksam, dass in Lima hunderte von Quipus lagern, die keine Beachtung finden. Ihre Verbindungen mit anderen amerikanischen Gelehrten macht es wohl möglich, dort die Knotenschnüre einer vorläufigen Sichtung zu unterziehen, die sich vor allem darauf richten sollte, die vollkommen unversehrten auszusuchen. Deren Prüfung müsste dann von ausschlaggebender Bedeutung für das ganze Quipurätsel werden. Ihr Museum steht doch sehr wahrscheinlich mit dem von Lima in Verbindung.

Wenn ich selbst irgend eine kleine Studie veröffentliche, werde ich sie gewiss an Sie senden. Die erste wird sich wohl mit der mexikanischen Chronologie von Herrn Prof. Spinden beschäftigen und mit den daran anknüpfenden Aufsätzen von H. Lehmann-Nitsche. Beide Herren scheinen mir im Irrtum zu sein. Ich kritisiere sehr ungern, aber hier scheint es mir doch geboten zu sein.

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Mr Gilbert Grosvenor
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My dear Mr Grosvenor

Permit me to call your attention to the fact that means on page 205 of February 1923 number Paragraph "Knotted - string Writing" has again given voice to this quipu myth which exploded twenty (or more) years ago — American Anth - 1913 The Ancient Quipu 1923 — Not known of decimal & the quipu could by any stretch of the imagination be used for anything but with the records of numbers — Round & Numbers — Wordsworth Hold bound this researches on my conclusions which also has been accepted by Adolf Bandelier and by Jos. W. C. Tello, the recognized authority on the culture & history — Recently the discovery of the Peru Argyle had still more strongly substantiated the conclusions.

Y means, from his vast storehouse of information has a single - item of information which lends itself to the old story that the

purpose was used among other
words, why does he not let the
interested public in on the secret?
Seriously why does a democratic
publication of the standing of the
N. G. M. lend itself to the
dissemination of fairy tales?
I am enclosing under separate cover
a copy of a recent paper on this question

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PHILADELPHIA

January 18, 1927.

Mr. L. Leland Locke,
950 St. John's Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y. C.

Dear Mr. Locke:

Thanks for the good letter of the fourteenth. I will be glad to collaborate with you in any way on the quipu problem.

You will be pleased to hear that Professor Babb of our mathematical department, who is familiar with your earlier work and was quite interested in the quipu question some years ago, is renewing his interest and has set one of his students at work on it. She is now reading you and Nordenskiöld and as soon as examinations are over Prof. Babb assures me that both of them will pitch in on our quipus in earnest. I hope we will be able to make something out of them.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Alden Mason

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GEORGE G. HEYE
CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

May 26, 1937

Mr. L. Leland Locke
950 St. Johns Place
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Locke:

I wrote you some time ago that our quipus were now ready at any time you cared to come over to photograph them. Perhaps that letter went astray, inasmuch as I have heard nothing from you. If it is not possible for you to come over shortly, will you please let us know so that we may put these specimens away.

Very truly yours,

E. K. Burnett

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THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

PHILADELPHIA

January 4, 1927.

Mr. L. Leland Locke,
950 St. John's Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y. C.

Dear Mr. Locke:

I was very sorry to miss you when you inquired for me at the Museum last week. I went to the Museum just after you had seen Dr. Gordon who told me that he thought possibly you had gone to look for me at the anthropological meetings in Houston Hall. I had just left there. I am sorry indeed that we were not able to meet and hope that we may do so before long.

I presume you saw the few quipus which I have put on exhibit. We have possibly six others. I have tried to figure them out on the basis of yours and Nordenskiöld's work, but have had no success, mainly because of missing strings, though several are complete. I would like to have you study them some time.

With good wishes for 1927, believe me

Cordially yours,

J. Alden Mason

play predominant parts in the workings of the service. Knowledge and obedience will conquer all things. Study and work and in the end these things will win.

It does not seem to me to be beyond the realm of possibility for supervisor and clerk to row in the same boat, so to speak. Both are working for the same end, although both have different parts to play. Each contributes his or her part to help make the vast network of post offices that compose the United States Postal System, and neither one can do without the other. Why, then, can they not work side by side in perfect harmony and cooperation? They can if each would recognize that they have a responsibility and that responsibility is to render the best service possible to the public. Accept your responsibilities, men of the service, and let's do the job right.

Your Postal Service

THE QUIPU POST

By Ralph Dyer

Probably the most interesting of all early systems of sending messages was that of the Incas or early Indians of Peru. The Incas, like the Mayas and Aztecs, had an heiroglyphic or picture form of writing. However, the messages which they sent by their swift-footed messengers were contrivenances of colored string, variously and intricately knotted. These messages were called quipus, and a public officer called a quipucmayoc had charge of the state archives, where no doubt there were miles and miles of knotted twine. The quipu message consisted of one main cord, from which, like a fringe hung a

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number of smaller cords of different lengths, colors, and knotting.

We are solemnly assured by Spanish writers that not only financial accounts, public and private correspondence, but even poetry were easily expressed by quipus. Padre Acosta declared that an Indian once recorded the general confession of his whole life in quipus. "With it in his hand he confessed as if reading from a written paper."

These Indians were also noted for their post runners, who it is said could equal a horse in speed. These messengers, covering five miles or less running in relays, could carry a message 150 to 200 miles a day.

St. Joseph, Mo.

THE CITY WORTH WHILE

Well here we are back on the air (hot air).

Local No. 254 held their annual watermelon social at Hyde Park Sunday afternoon, August 28.

The social was well attended and every one present had a fine time.

A soft ball game was played by Silverthorn's team and Komer's team.

Silverthorn said it would have been all right if Komer's team hadn't made so many runs. Charley Van Fleet was the champion runner, Raymond Tate the champion batter, and Joe Lofflin the champion pitcher. We missed our old Cats (Katz) as scorekeeper.

After the ball game we enjoyed the delicious cold watermelon. The Cameron band was at the park and played several selections, enjoyed by all. Those who were not there don't know what they missed.

Sorry to hear of the resignation of Brother Gil Hyatt. He will be missed by a great many members of the N. F. P. O. C. Glad to hear of the appointment of William I. Horner to take the place of Gil. No doubt but what Mr. Horner will succeed as he has always been active in organization work. We must all get behind Mr. Horner and help boost.

Alexander The Great is back from his fishing trip in Minnesota. You should hear the fishing story he tells. The fish in Minnesota drink soda pop. He said that they found a pop bottle in a fish. You have heard of Jonah being in the belly of a whale, but did you ever hear of a pop bottle being in the belly of a fish? My, wasn't that a whopper?

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 28,1923.

Professor L. Leland Locke,
750 St.John's Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Professor Locke:-

I have just received the copy of your recent book "The Ancient Quipu" or Peruvian Knot Record." I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy in sending me a copy of this book. I have examined it with great interest and want to congratulate you upon it. I have not as yet finished it but have been reading it with very great interest. The photographs themselves show the most painstaking care and are most informative. We are proud of the fact that among the many fine things you have done you have added this to the number.

With cordial regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Wm C. Kelly

WCK/IMM

Columbia University
in the City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

April 30, 1923

Dear Mr. Lock:

This line is to thank you for the copy of your beautiful The Ancient Quinx. I have been looking through it, think it a superb work, and heartily congratulate you upon it. ——

Sincerely yours
D. J. Kuper

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
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GEORGE G. HEYE
CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

November 16, 1936

Mr. L. Leland Locke
950 St. Johns Place
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Locke:

The other day, while at the library, I came across two sets of books, either of which may be the volumes you referred to. I did not have a chance to go through these works completely, but I am sending you the titles hereunder. I suggest that you visit our library, which is housed at the Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, 9 Westchester Square, Bronx, New York City, where the librarian will be glad to have you consult these volumes.

Raimondi, Antonio: El Peru:
Lima: 1874. 4 or more
vols.

Levillier, D. Roberto:
Gobernates del Peru
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1921. 3 vols.

Very truly yours,

E. K. Burnett

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MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
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GEORGE G. HEYE
CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

March 15, 1937

Mr. L. Leland Locke
950 St. Johns Place
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Locke:

I have spoken to Mr. Heye about your proposal to photograph our collection of quipus, and he asks me to assure you that any time you care to come up here with your special equipment we shall be pleased to place the specimens at your disposal and give you ample space to work in our laboratory.

Mr. Orchard is now in Florida, so that I do not know what can be done about the Peabody quipu you mentioned on Saturday last.

If you will let us know a few days prior to your visit we can then arrange to have all our specimens here for you.

Very truly yours,

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN
INDIAN, HEYE FOUNDATION

By E. K. Burnett

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ETNOGRAFISKA AVDELNINGEN
(Gothenburg Ethnographical Museum, Sweden)

GÖTEBORG, November 4, 1937.

Doctor L. Leland Locke,
C/o The American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Locke:

As you perhaps already know there has been published in France a facsimile edition of Guaman Poma de Ayala s chronicle from Peru, from the manuscript of which I took the material for my study of "The Ancient Peruvuan Abacus", about which we corresponded in 1931 after I had sent you a copy.

Now to my surprise I find the follwoing passage in a review of the French edition in the American Anthropologist, Vol. 39:4 by Wendell C. Bennett of the American Museum of Nat. History:

"Montell has already utilized some of the .eads on spinning and weaving technique as well as the costume information. L. Leland Locke has written an article The Ancient Peruvian Abacus commenting on the drawings of quipus and a calculating device".

Your article, which I assume is a review of my paper ,although Bennet has taken you to be the author, is supposed to have been printed in Scripta Mathematica, Sept. 1932, pp. 37-43. If you have the article separately printed, I should be very grateful to get a copy. The periodical(?) cannot unfortunately be had in Sweden before 1933.

In a little introduction Rivet, as published of the French edition, has given a list of the works which had appeared before the publication of the Peruvian manuscript and which treat this or are based on the manuscript. In Rivet s carelessly put together list there are missing at least seventeen works which should be included, among them my abacus paper, in spite of the fact that the series "Comparative Ethnographical Studies", Vol. 9, was well known to Rivet, and that he had even received a copy of my paper separately.

Now this mistake of Bennett s comes up. It is indeed rather annoying.

I hope within reasonable time to be able to return to some interesting information regarding observations of the sun in connection with Poma de Ayala. I have written about this to my friend Dr. Clyde Fisher, Curator of the Hayden Planetarium in New York.

I am really curious to read "Scripta mathematica" for Sept. 1932, but as I said, it is not available here in Sweden, nor in Denmark.

Sincerely yours,
Henry Wassén

/Dr. Henry Wassén, Gothenburg Ethnographical Museum/

ETNOGRAFISKA AVDELNINGEN
(Gothenburg Ethnographical Museum, Sweden)

GÖTEBORG, December 6, 1937.

Dr. L. Leland Locke,
950 St. John's Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for your letter of November 21st. Regrettably enough mistakes will occur now and then, even in science.

I shall be very glad to receive the offprint which you promise. As I mentioned before I have not been able to get the article here in this country and consequently I am looking forward to having the copy from you.

Thank you for the information about Altieri's article on quipus. I shall try to get hold of the Revista Geográfica Americana and read the article as soon as the opportinity presents itself. If you should eventually have any correspondence with the author perhaps you would be so kind as to mention my interest in quipus if he actually carries out the plan of publishing the unusual specimens which he is familiar with.

You asked me to give your regards to Dr. Nordenskiöld but perhaps it had escaped your notice that he died in 1932. The present head of the Gothenburg Ethnographical Museum is Dr. Walter Kaudern, who is a specialist in Indonesian matters.

With best wishes for 1938,
I am,
Sincerely yours,

Henry W. Dasséen